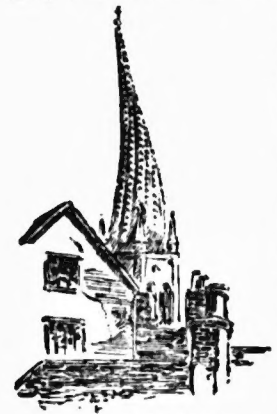


OUR OMNIBUS.

THE CONDUCTOR.

From an old-fashioned borough, famous for its steeple that rivals the leaning tower of Pisa, Chesterfield,



THE CROOKED SPIRE.

Within half a century, has become a busy mining centre. In the past it has a warlike history, and the Rosebery gathering on Monday links its political record with the far more important meeting of politicians and statesmen who met at Whittington to smash the Whigs two hundred odd years ago.

Beneath the curiously warped steeple, Chesterfield has one of the finest of the many beautiful churches of Derbyshire, dating back as far as the 13th century. George Stephenson lived at Chesterfield, and Sir Joseph Paxton was once a familiar figure in the old town, as were the Dukes of Devonshire, Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned in the adjacent Windfield Manor. "Bees of Hardwick" and her grand old hall finds a place in the pages of Walpole, and Peppys narrates an incident in the domestic relations of Lord and Lady Chesterfield characteristic of an age of Court scandal and intrigue, that adds a certain piquancy to the pages of the observant old scandal-monger.

As for Lord Rosebery's speech which has almost passed into the limbo of a "nine days' wonder," the main point of it was predicted in "The People's" cartoon last week. The ex-Premier repudiated the Campbell-Bannerman crew, proclaimed his abhorrence of the charges of barbarism brought against the Army in South Africa, and stood by the flag with the fervency of an Englishman. The press is divided as to the most significant passages in his lordship's long post-up outburst, but what is made clear enough is that the attitude of the Government in the Boer war is practically the attitude of the Rosebery party.

"The Daily Chronicle" has a gathering article on "The Daily News." It is in connection with a "D. N." misrepresentation of Lord Milner's recent despatch on the concentration camps. One is glad to see that the pro-Boer Press is no longer permitted, without vigorous protest, to inspire foreign writers with libels on English Statesmen and Generals, nor treason-mongers to have it all their own way on public platforms.

There was an idea that Lord Rosebery would "sing Lord Milner and Mr. Chamberlain to the wolves." The simile you know comes from the story of the mother and her children surrounded by a ravenous pack of wolves. But Lord Rosebery made no sacrifice to the politicians who are party men before everything and their allies, who are anti-everything British. It is believed that some of the malcontents may accept the Rosebery rebuke in a tempering spirit and come once more within the legitimate circle of a loyal and powerful Parliamentary Opposition. If Lord Rosebery can accomplish this he will have rendered the State a lasting service. Anyhow, his contemptuous treatment of Campbell-Bannerman must have convinced that flabby politician that the "Never again" vow of the British people will be maintained. "Quoth the raven, 'Never more!'"—vide this week's cartoon.

PIPER PAN.

The maiden name of the well-known prima donna, Madame Nordica, is Norton, and the claim of nearly a million sterling that she intends making against the United States Government is for sums of money which were wrongfully withheld from her family. Madame Nordica is a descendant of Ichabod Norton, a wealthy Boston shipowner, several of whose ships and cargoes were seized by French privateers during the Revolutionary war. The United States secured an indemnity from the French Government to cover the loss, but it was never paid to Ichabod Norton or his heirs, and Madame Nordica, having discovered the claim, is determined to follow it up.

We shall not be quite without music during Christmas week. Mr. Newman announces an orchestral concert at Queen's Hall on Christmas Day afternoon, and on Boxing Day a fresh series of Promenade Concerts will commence in the same hall. The musical season of 1902 will begin on New Year's Day with the annual performance of "The Messiah" by the Royal Choral Society, at Albert Hall. Handel's original accompaniments will be used, and the solo vocalists announced are Madame Albani, Miss Marie Brennan, Mr. Charles Saunders, and Mr. William Miller. Conductor, Sir Frederick Bridge.

Sir Walter Parratt is entirely reorganizing the King's private band, and it will be in thorough working order some time before the London season commences. Mr. Sousa and his band have finished their English engagements, and sailed by the Philadelphia on their return to America. Herr Gottlieb's band and Herr Kandl's band have recently played before their Majesties at Sandringham.

Mr. J. M. Glover first singer of the musical at the Herbyll, Kersall, band receipts increased

2500, and last season they rose 22,200. These results must be gratifying to all concerned, and especially to Mr. Glover, to whose hard work and wide musical knowledge the success is due. Nearly all the music performed at the Kersall concerts was by British composers, and most of the instrumentalists were Englishmen.

The delightful Sunday afternoon concert given at the Albert Hall by the Royal Artillery Band under Chevalier Zaverlati are one of the most popular of modern innovations. Therefore, as a matter of course, a large and fashionable audience gathered at Queen's Hall last Friday afternoon, when Chevalier Zaverlati and his fine military orchestra gave an attractive concert, the chief feature in the programme being Beethoven's "Eroica" symphony.

Appropriately at this season of the year Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" is being performed on Friday evenings at St. Anne's, Soho. The Leipzig musician's noble work was written in 1724, and he intended the six divisions for performance on consecutive days. The oratorio is described by Wilhelm Rust, who edited the work for the Bach Society, as a sacred lyric drama.

At the Lyric opera house, Milan, a prize of £2,000 is offered for the best opera that can be written in time for production during the exhibition season of 1904. The contest is open to composers of all nationalities, and ample time is allowed to devote to the work. Further particulars can be obtained from Signor Souza, the well-known Milan music publisher.

Mr. Charles Santley, one of the splendid company of artists who volunteered giving at the benefit concert of Mr. Arthur Chappell, founder of the Monday Pops, sang at the first Monday Popular Concert, which was given nearly 43 years ago.

WILL WORKMAN.

God bless the master of this house, the mistress also, and all the little children that round the table.

Last week "The Conductor" spoke of Christmas as "The Children's Festival," and he is quite right. How often do we hear people say, and how often do we say it ourselves, and the older we get the more we say it, that Christmas is just what it used to be. But that is where we make a mistake. Christmas is just as good as ever it was; it is we who are not what we used to be. The fun is there just the same as it was when we were young, but we cannot see it, the laugh is there, but we don't feel inclined to join in it so heartily as we used to do.

Take, for instance, old Santa Claus, when you are a child, and wake up early on Christmas morning to see what he has put in the stocking you hung up the night before, there is a lot more fun in it than when you are a grown-up man, and the Santa Claus business yourself, and buy the things to put in the stockings. But after all, even if you have left your childhood days long behind, Christmas is a good time even now; that is to say, if you have plenty to eat, and plenty to drink, and good health with it, and that is what I wish every reader of "The People."

I wish all the good wishes they could wish themselves, not only to those who read this paper, but also to all those who don't read it, to all Conservatives and Radicals, Church-faith and Disbelievers, and all. But I am not a very ill-feeling even against the pro-Boers. Although it is quite certain that if it had not been for them we should have had a far happier Christmas than we shall have now, for the war would have been over long since.

I remember a song that was very popular in the Northern States of America during their great civil war; it was supposed to be written by a soldier at the front to his friends at home, and one verse said: "Tell the troops all around you, That their cruel words we know, In every battle kill our soldiers, By the help they give the foe. Lots of our brave fellows out at the front have written home, and said the same thing in other words. But in spite of traitors at home and open enemies abroad, I hope and trust we shall soon see the finish of it.

There is no mistake about it, Lord Rosebery made a very fine speech at Chesterfield, and such a comprehensive speech too, there was something in it for everybody. The Conductor tries to like it even better than the Radicals do, and the Primrose League hopes before long to enrol him as a member, he is such a good patriot. But it will not "throw out the Government," and as for "consolidating the Liberal party," he told them himself it was too much for him. "You had better get on your own," he said. "How that is to be done, I don't pretend to say. That is a piece of advice I don't pretend to give," and no one else can tell them how to get united either, and it will be a bad time for the working classes of this country if ever the Radical party is united enough to get to power again. They never did us any good, and never will. They are all promise and no performance. "All cry and no wool."

THE ACTOR.

The Vaudeville had a thoroughly Christmas aspect on Wednesday afternoon, when "Bluebell in Fairyland" was performed there for the first time. All the auditorium, so far as I could see, was decorated with holly and evergreens, skilfully interwoven, and here and there tied with knots of red ribbon. The effect was very pleasing, and I suppose the decorations will remain up during the whole of the holiday season. The Vaudeville is, comparatively speaking, a small theatre, and the decorations of this sort, I could wish, however, that there were more inches to spare between the rows of stalls.

The fairy tales of Hans Christian Andersen are being drawn upon more and more for purposes of the drama. Some of them have been made the basis of full-blown pantomimes, and somewhat vulgarized in the process. Very different was the treatment accorded to them by Capt. Hood in the three little plays which he produced at Terry's, and in the serious play which he brought out at the Princess's. The example, perhaps, for present-day

writers was set by Ludwig Fulda, in the piece which Mr. Tree staged at the Haymarket under the title of "Once Upon a Time." That, by the way, was one of the things which deserve to be placed specially to Mr. Tree's credit.

"Gulliver's Travels" is an excellent subject for a children's play, and it is a little surprising that it is not more often utilized. It is not necessary that Gulliver in Lilliput should be played by an abnormally tall actor; the great thing is to arrange that the Lilliputians shall be enacted (as they will be enacted at the Avenue) by children sufficiently small. Again, in Brobdingnag, Gulliver can easily be sustained by a little boy surrounded by adults. Altogether, the story presents plenty of scope for effective treatment, and is likely to grow again in popularity with caterers for the youngsters. It might be very amusingly modernized.

The new piece at Daly's is still, I believe, unnamed, or, at any rate, Mr. George Edwards and the author have settled on a title they have not divulged it. "A Country Girl" has been put forward tentatively, and I can see no objection to it. Nobody is likely to confuse the Daly show with the "Country Girl" of Garrick and Wycherley. The word "girl" seems to have a magnetic attraction for the producer of musical farces. The new lyric piece is to be called "My Best Girl." And then, by way of variety, the forthcoming Apollo piece has been christened "Three Little Maids." People may well talk of "The Eternal Feminine." It rules in stage-land.

Miss Elizabeth Robins has identified herself so completely with the English stage that very few people probably realize that she is of American nationality. I can well remember her first modest appearance among us, in the days when she played Mrs. Errol in "Little Lord Fauntleroy," and so forth, not coming fully to the front till her name became associated with that of Mrs. Patrick Campbell. She was engaged originally to play the part of Mrs. Tanqueray in Mr. Pinero's play, and that she ceded the part to Mrs. Patrick Campbell. Now suppose that Mrs. Robins had appeared as the Tanqueray, and Mrs. Campbell had done something else, what might not have been the result for both!

Mr. Ainley, the young actor who is to play Paolo at the St. James's, is still with the Benson company, and is appearing this week at Birmingham as Oberon in "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Mr. Benson himself figuring as Lysander, Mrs. Benson as Titania, and Miss Dorothy Masden as Puck, a role in which she has been successful in South Africa. The "Dream" is to be played at the Birmingham Theatre (the Royal) till the 28th inst., and a very delightful holiday entertainment it is sure to make. The fairy element in the "Dream" makes it an ideal piece for the youngsters at this time of year.

BUCKLAND, JUNIOR.

Before our next issue Christmas will have come and gone, and I take the opportunity afforded me by the publication of this last number of "The People" before that festive season arrives to convey to all my readers my heartiest good wishes for a real good time and health and prosperity in the coming year, and in addition, to those of my good friends, who have helped to make "Buckland Junior's" portion of the "Omnibus" chat interesting. My very best thanks. A pleasing feature since last Christmas, or the beginning of the present year, is the great number of appreciative letters and notes I have received from correspondents in many foreign and colonial countries (especially South Africa), which shows that "the dear old 'People,'" as it has been frequently termed by them, is read by increasing numbers in the remote corners of the earth.

At a meeting of the Zoological Society on Tuesday last the interesting question of the reproduction of that curious Australian animal, the duckbill, was introduced in a note by Mr. Metcalfe, a gentleman whose observations in the native haunts of the animal had extended over a great number of years. It has been asserted by several naturalists that the duckbill laid eggs in burrows and then hatched them by the warmth of its body like a bird. This has been generally accepted as a fact, and the label on the exhibit of this animal in the British Museum states that such is the mode of its reproduction. Mr. Metcalfe was, however, of opinion that the duckbill was viviparous, that the mother protected the young alive, and consequently the eggs were hatched before extrusion.

The duckbill is a peculiar mole-like creature with short legs, short flat tail and webbed feet. Its fur is very soft, somewhat like that of the beaver, and of a dark greyish blue above and light ash beneath. It derives its name from the great resemblance its mouth bears to the bill of a duck. In habits it is aquatic, and its food consists of insects, worms, and crustaceans, which it obtains by thrusting its bill into the soft mud. In some parts of Australia it is fairly common, but on account of its shy and retiring disposition and its habit of immediately sinking below the surface of the water or taking refuge in its burrow when alarmed, it is rarely seen. A full-grown specimen of the duckbill measures about a foot and a half in length, and stands about four inches in height.

A correspondent of Elgin-escence, W., has sent me a fish accompanied by the following letter:—"The enclosed fish was taken from the Thames in the neighbourhood of Chiswick, but I have never heard of the Thames holding any of the sort below Reading. I am told that shoals of them are met with about Putney and Chiswick, and that they frequently jump aboard the racing boats. I think it likely to be a fish from the sea, and bearing in mind that lampreys and eels find their way up rivers I see no reason why this fish should not ascend them."

The same writer adds that the note on the "kangaroo cat" which recently appeared in "The People" reminds him that on an occasion some twelve years ago he was about to destroy a litter of kittens when he discovered one with only three legs, one of the front ones being missing, and no

injury present to account for its disfigurement. He kept it for about a year, and it had no difficulty in getting about on its three legs. It was, however, of rather a savage disposition, probably on account of its being so often handled by persons examining its deformity.

The above-mentioned fish when it reached me was in too dried a condition for me to be positive as to its identity, but it much resembled a smelt, and I am of opinion that it was an example of that fish. Smelts are both salt-water and fresh-water fish, spending August to May in the latter element and descending to the sea after they have spawned. They were formerly abundant in the Thames from Chiswick to Putney, and very large "takes" have been made of them there. Later I have not heard of them being taken in the Thames so far up as these places, and I believe it has been stated that nowadays they do not ascend the river further than Woolwich, but I see no reason why they should not come up as far as the places named.

As I have often stated before in this column, the artificial conditions under which domestic animals are kept cause all sorts of breaches in the laws which regulate the habits of animals in a state of nature; it is, therefore, not exceptional for them under such conditions to breed out of season and to produce a mass of inferior offspring. I have had many letters on the subject of once birds breeding at all times of the year and bringing up several broods, and, although of interest to me, I am not able to find room to publish them in this column. One correspondent, however, writes that a pair of his parrots, broods of one each, and at the present time are sitting on six eggs. This is an exceptional case.

The additions to the Zoological Society's menagerie during the week ending 17th inst. include 11 crab-eating opossums (mother and nine young ones), a plantain squirrel, a Nicobar pigeon, an other, two South Island robins, and a green monkey.

OLD IZAAK.

Angling has been, to a great extent, impracticable of late, and the sea-fishermen have had a particularly rough time of it. Conditions now are far more favourable, for the rains have put colour into most rivers; the weeds are no longer troublesome, and there is everywhere prospect of sport. The official reports of the Thames Angling Preservation Society show the river to be in a most successful state throughout the district, and the Lee, Great Ouse, and similar streams, including the Midland rivers, all give hopeful indications.

Pike and perch are now on the feed, and the roach will doubtless follow suit. Mr. Cartwright, at Chertsey, has landed a 4lb. pike, a perch of 1lb., and some nice roach, and Mr. T. Feild, in the same quarter, has had several small pike. Roach of 1lb. each have been had in the Ware and Ely House districts of the Lee, and the good old river once more gives promise of sport.

The Anglers' Benevolent Society competition, held at Richmond on Sunday last, must be pronounced a success, the quantity of fish caught being as much as could be expected considering the state of the water and weather. The competitors numbered about 500, and lined the bank from Richmond to Teddington Lock. Of these 125 weighed in at the Pigeons for the 107 prizes to be awarded. Mr. Burton, of the Camden Angling Society, scored first, with just under 3lb. of fish. Mr. Heston (Black) was second, with 2lb. 10oz. of fish. Mr. Glass (Walham Green) following with 1lb. 10oz. A collection was made for the society on the river bank. Mr. J. Harris (Hon. Sec.) and his committee deserve a word of praise for the excellent arrangements made.

A crowded audience foregathered at the Concord Angling Society's meeting, held at the Greenbank Hotel on Monday last, over which Mr. Anderson (host) presided, in the unavoidable absence of Councilor Dobson, and Mr. Anderson occupied the vice-chair. Mr. Anderson's lecture was greatly appreciated, and Mr. F. Lee, of Redhill, skilfully displayed the views, many of which were warmly taken by the lecturer and himself. Lady Anderson graced the gathering by her presence, and all heartily enjoyed the entertainment, of which a very excellent concert, arranged by Mr. D. Fox, formed part. A copper collection, in aid of the funds of the Thames Angling Preservation Society, realised £1 10s., for which Mr. F. Berry (member of committee) returned thanks.

More than twenty clubs were represented at the recent visit to the Colingwood Anglers, and their spacious room at the Lord Nelson, Backfairs, was densely crowded. With Mr. J. Wheelhouse and Mr. W. Musgrave at the helm, and Mr. Frank P. Sarge as musical director, everything went swimmingly, and the entertainment gave unbounded satisfaction.

All brothers of the angle will be glad to know that Mr. Cormac O'Dowd has derived benefit from his trip to China. Mr. O'Dowd is an observant as well as an enthusiastic angler, and is sure to have something of interest to tell us on his return.

Thanks to the Thames Angling Preservation Society, the Thames is well looked after between Isleworth and Staines, and fish are to be caught in abundance under the best of conditions and at proper times, in spite of ridiculous assertions to the contrary which are reported now and then. His Majesty the King and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales have long been its honoured patrons. Both are ardent sportsmen. The Prince can use the gun, as well as the rod, and, indeed, he has had grand sport lately, in company with Mr. Lawson, the society's president. The King's services to anglers in every part of the world as president of the Great International Fishers' Exhibition of 1883 will never be forgotten.

The recent invitation smoking concert, the Walton-on-Thames Anglers' held at the Anglers' Hotel, and over which Mr. S. Foote presided, proved a most successful function, and was well attended by anglers from clubs as widely separated as Addlestone and Walham Green. The room was

adorned with cases of specimen fish; a chub of nearly 5lb., a carp of 10lb., a bream of 4lb., and a pike of 10lb., being on the display. The concert was excellent. Mr. George Edmonds (musical director) singing the "Fishing Match" to perfection, and the programme was appreciated throughout.

Anglers of all classes will hear with great regret of the serious illness of Mr. Charles Briand, the honoured and respected father of the True Waltonians (the oldest of the London angling societies), of which he has been a member for more than 40 years. The sympathy of the entire fraternity is with him in his sickness, and all will join "Old Izaak" in wishing him a speedy restoration to health.

A conference of anglers and others interested in the freedom of the Thames was held under the auspices of the Thames Angling Preservation Society, Sir Robert Hunter presided, and the conditions governing Thames fishing were discussed. In the result a small committee was appointed to see what could be done amicably to bring all disputes to a satisfactory close, and it may be hoped that their efforts, of which they are to report later, will succeed. That the river must ultimately become free admits of no doubt, and it will not be the fault of the anglers if it is not quickly and amicably arranged.

Good times occur during the holidays, and the moon will be full on Christmas Day. On Boxing Day it will be high water at Teddington at 3h. 45m. p.m., and there will also be a convenient afternoon tide for the anglers at Amberley and Putney. High water happened at Yarmouth at 7h. 7m. a.m.; Deal, Dover, and Brighton about 11h. 10m. a.m.; Ramsgate and Margate at 11h. 40m. a.m.; and Southend at 12h. 30m. p.m., and the angler stands a good chance of sport at either of these places, if wind and weather permits.

Anglers are proverbially "jolly," and as their mania for entertainments "This is the company and not the charge that makes the feast." That all anglers, in whatever part of the globe they are found, may enjoy the fullest seasonal happiness is the Christmas wish of "Old Izaak," and may the coming year reward Walton's disciples with abundant sport, and the east wind never blow when they go a-fishing.

MR. WHEELER.

Quite a number of correspondents have jumped on me for saying that I could not get a decent and reliable bell, and one gentleman feels inclined to argue from this fact that I cannot be a cyclist at all, with the logic of which conclusion I am unable to agree. However, from the volume of evidence which has been poured upon me, I can only conclude that I have been unfortunate in my purchases, and I am now going to try and get a better one. I have been recommended by my correspondents. The difficulty, I take it, is to make sure that you get what you ask for. I have examined carefully some half a dozen old and worn-out bells that are thrown away in my lumber room, and cannot find a maker's name on any one of them.

As the New Year approaches most people make good resolutions, and when the New Year comes in, break them. One resolution which should be made and kept is to support our two leading institutions—the National Cyclists' Union and the Cyclists' Touring Club. It costs exactly 5s. to become a member of either of these institutions, and it is money well spent, as both have a splendid record of work done for the benefit of cyclists, and all who cycle should support them. Mr. Noble, of 27, Chancery-lane, E.C., is the secretary of the National Cyclists' Union; and Mr. E. R. Shipton, of 47, Victoria-st., Westminster, is the secretary of the Cyclists' Touring Club, and either or both will be glad to welcome new members.

Nothing is more enjoyable than a cycle spin on a frosty day, provided that the frost has lasted long enough for the traffic to have rolled the ruts down. When the frost is frozen in, it is a sliding over a succession of train lines, and great care is needed. Unfortunately, so far this winter the frosts have been of such short duration that the rut trouble has been very much in evidence, and in these circumstances riding ceases to be a pleasure.

Chas. Pease, the Irish flier, over whose amateur status there was so much discussion last summer, has obtained a commission in the Connaught Rangers, and takes up his military duties at Chatham. This will place him under the jurisdiction of the National Cyclists' Union, and should he desire to race again, he would have to apply to that body for permission to do so. It is stated, however, that he does not intend to appear again upon the racing path, and therefore it is not likely that an old discussion will be reopened.

A writer in "The Irish Wheelman" gives some good advice to those who cycle down to business throughout the year. The chief objection to doing this is that one gets hot and dirty, to say nothing of getting wet on one's ride to business, and then has to spend the rest of the day in damp clothes. The writer in question advocates for the body a good cape, with warm under-clothing, and the legs protected with long overalls with gaiter-like protections to cover the boots. This latter is a most important item, as in wet feet lie the germs of all kinds of diseases.

A correspondent, commenting on my remarks about chains getting muddy, sends me the following advice as to cleaning a chain, which, although it is old, is worth while repeating: "To keep a chain in 'silly' running order, about every six months give it a good paraffin wash, cleaning out all the grime. Do this in the winter for a couple of hours in a large pallipot containing enough Russian tallow to completely cover the chain. Take out and wipe, but not too thoroughly. The only objection to this, which is absolutely the best method of cleaning a chain, is that it necessitates taking off and replacing the chain, which everyone does not care to do."

I am told by another correspondent that the very best thing to cleanse the hands from black grease is Monkey Brand soap, which he informs me is greatly superior to pumice stones.

MADAME.

The new petticoat has a deep shaped band, which is boned, ensuring the perfect fit around the waist, which is so essential for the straight, clinging skirts now so much worn. The petticoat is trimmed at the edge with a deep lace, headed in a Vandyke fashion by three rows of baby ribbon.



THE NEW PETTICOAT.

At intervals by a rosette of ribbon. Above this, at a distance of about six inches the petticoat is further trimmed with rows of ribbon caught down in the same way.

New materials are always interesting, but our latest developments of "sibelin" cloth do not strike me as being what the French term "happy." Indian cashmere with its stray hairs or soft, silky surface was very nice, but now we are paying extravagant prices for a material that looks like a charity blanket, or the fur of some inferior animal. I have never admired fur coats—they are distinctly clumsy garments. Perhaps the most tolerable is black caracul. It is such a close fur that it looks like a watered panne. Fur should only be used as a trimming or a lining, and stout women should shun bear, sable, and all long-haired furs. White fox, chinchilla, etc., will be used into the spring. Indeed, it becomes a question as to how and when we can give up our furs.

Home dressmaking ought to be very popular just now for bodices, the fit of which was once a matter of grave importance, has become a mere trifle—the fittings must fit properly, of course, but when we are allowed to pinch or make the seams as and how we please, this is not in itself a very difficult matter.

The material on the bodice proper can be dealt with most leniently. The back has no seams, and the fronts are pouched. The sleeves are wide, and the soft bas neck band is easily adjusted. Perhaps the most intricate portion of the modern costume is the skirt. Paris has recognised this fact, for although the corset is practically a thing of the past in the city of light, there is a belt worn which diminishes the hips and makes the skirt fit like a glove.

I have an idea that a well-fitting petticoat with a deep skirt, shaped band, properly boned, would be a very good substitute. This band might be laced at the back like a miniature corset. If the petticoat is to be of moiré the band should be of silk. To make as little bulk as possible, from petticoats to millinery there is more than a step, yet millinery is of importance just now.

Edelweiss is the popular flower just now. It is made in white velvet, and is to be found on many of the newest hats. Hazel nuts in velvet are most effective on white felt. Many hats are made of soft, low-crowned, hairy felts or strips of cut felt. Cream lace veils are draped on the brims, and caught at intervals with clasps of cut steel or jet.

A shabby hat may be renovated by the addition of a lace veil, and made pretty and becoming once more, even when their pristine splendour is past.

Violets are beginning to come afire, the usual spring fashion, and the Parma variety seen in toques of pale blue and almond green. The deep purple violet is, however, the prettiest, and looks its best in purple velvet or white felt hats. Black feathers are used on one side of a hat, whilst white feathers decorate the other, and the contrast is most effective. Dark brown felts have grey or white plumes, and a dark hat with white or pale coloured feathers proves most effective.



THE MILLY DRESS.

The milly dress is a charming design for a smart outdoor dress for a girl of 12 to 14 years. It is made in a serge or a cloth or silk. The over-bodice or bolero is made of the material, round the neck, with a deep collar, and with a full bell sleeve, with under-sleeves. The bolero is fastened across the front with straps of the silk, whilst the skirt is further trimmed with a deep lace, headed in the same. This little bolero can be made quite separate, and worn over different blouses.

Redingote coats are tight fitting like ulsters, and are made with triple capes. They make smart outdoor garments, but require to be well cut, like the Louis Quinze coat.

The newest blouses are cut in a very small square at the neck, and all black blouses have a collar band and cuffs of transparent lace. Black velvet blouses are finished with open-work velvet embroidery at the neck and cuffs, and they are worn with a belt of gold ribbon embroidered with pearls, turquoise and coral.

These belts are easily made at home, and they give a perfect finish to a dress. Turquoise stones can be set in the belt surrounded with tiny steel beads on black chenille.

The Chatelaine bag or reticule is all the rage, and makes pretty pro-

ports in black satin, spangled with gold or silver, drawn in with a black ribbon. These are smart for day or evening wear.

PATTERN ORDER FORM.
Send orders to "The People" Office, and mark envelope "Madame."

Measurements		Dress	
1. Bust round	2. Waist round	3. Length, to ankle	4. Skirt, to ankle
5. Bust round	6. Waist round	7. Length, to ankle	8. Skirt, to ankle
9. Bust round	10. Waist round	11. Length, to ankle	12. Skirt, to ankle
13. Bust round	14. Waist round	15. Length, to ankle	16. Skirt, to ankle
17. Bust round	18. Waist round	19. Length, to ankle	20. Skirt, to ankle
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25. Bust round	26. Waist round	27. Length, to ankle	28. Skirt, to ankle
29. Bust round	30. Waist round	31. Length, to ankle	32. Skirt, to ankle
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REDUCTION PRICES.—Kilts or Petticoats, when sent with the dress, are made for 1s. 6d. each. Skirts, when sent with the dress, are made for 1s. 6d. each. Petticoats, when sent with the dress, are made for 1s. 6d. each. Skirts, when sent with the dress, are made for 1s. 6d. each. Petticoats, when sent with the dress, are made for 1

is £28. Assistant surveyors receive from £100 to £180 per annum, and, on promotion to higher ranks of the service, may attain to £200 or even £1,000 a year.

COMPACT AND USEFUL.
A mass of practical information on every conceivable subject will be found in "THE PEOPLE'S ALMANAC" for 1902, particulars of which may be seen on Page 2.

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VAUDEVILLE.

PRINCESS'S.
"THE BOOM OF BIG BEN."

The popularity won by Mr. Arthur Shirley's domestic drama, "The Boom of Big Ben," the East-end Pavilion fully accounts for its transference to the West-end, where at the Oxford theatre the piece was given with the original effects last Monday. Brought out under the direction of the original producer, Mr. Isaac Cohen, the sensational incidents of the rake's temptation and ultimate redemption from vice and crime through the affection of a tender mother, devoted sister, and a loving slave girl, appealed direct to the emotions of the audience, whose hearty applause gave proof of how thoroughly their sympathies were enlisted in their sufferings secured. Much of interest thus felt and shown in the development of the story was no doubt due to the excellence of its interpretation. The fine sonorous voice of Wm. McIlison as the old seadog of mercantile marine, reduced to poverty by his reckless son's criminal extravagance, gave full effect alike to Captain Halsey's passionate outburst at the end of the first fortnight of naming, and to the quiet, restrained struggle of parental feeling when he claims the cheque as his own to save the forger from arrest for felony. Tom Terriss, as the handsome son,

dainty fancies of his boyhood, and the latter when alive to love and duty also dismisses the lover of her young and scheming years. A good deal has been said against the idea of Mr. Emonsoe in allowing the children of the play to bring to the fairy ring noisome fads and evil smelling bones, but he has done well to retain the episode if only to show courage in his own imaginings. There have been no changes in the cast since "The Wilderness" was first produced, and of these it is only necessary to note the appearance of Miss Lillian Braithwaite as Edith Thorold. She naturally invests the character with no little charm, but we would offer this word of advice to the young actress, to beware of over deliberation in utterance. A hurried speech on this stage is, of course, a bad fault, but a tendency to dragging slowness is equally to be avoided.

METROPOLIS.

At Mr. Mulholland's theatre—where for Boxing Day and the rest of the week reliance is placed, and with good reason, on "San Toy," which has not ended its two years' run at Daly's. There is no play has just been produced, entitled "The Good Goddess," by Mr. Russell Vane, who has already given us a stage work with a mysterious significance. His latest effort, it cannot be denied, is a clever one, and if at times the motus

On Christmas Eve "Robinson Crusoe" is due at the Elephant and Castle. Mr. J. Leopold's company being responsible for the presentation. Dolly Harmer will be the principal boy, and Edie Lighton the Queen of Love. Queenie Bronte being the Cupid, "a beau who shoots her arrow." The Leopolds who are to take part in the pantomime proper also figure in the harlequinade.

At the Alexandra Theatre, Stoke Newington, on Dec. 17, W. Purcell's fifth pantomime, "Aladdin," will be specially written for the theatre by Jay Hickory Wood, author of this and last year's pantomime at Drury Lane Lane. A strong cast includes L. Hawthorne, Minnie Hunt, Elsie Roby, Hetta B. Bartlett, Rita Barrington and Harry Tate. Mr. Geo. Brooks, Messrs.

In addition to Mrs. Brown-Potter for Calypso, as previously announced, Miss Lally Hanbury for Penelope, Miss Constance Collier for Athene, and Mr. Lionel through for the Swineherd. The considerable interest is being manifested by the inhabitants of Burton-on-Trent in the new theatre about to be erected there by Mr. Dudley Bennett. It is probable that the house will be called the Coronation Theatre, in commemoration of next year's great ceremonial.

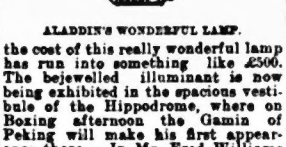
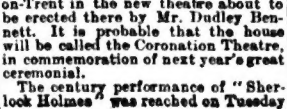
The century performance of "Sherlock Holmes" was reached on Tuesday

The Prince of Wales has accepted the presidency of the Society of Arts, created by the King on his accession.

The subscription list of the Sir Arthur Sullivan Memorial Fund will close on Dec. 31.

PRIZE—To those who have not already received one of our samples, or who have not yet returned a differented Ball, we will send a sample bottle free and post paid on receipt of their name and address. A postcard is sufficient. Kindly send this to the above Address. The Abbey Permacrete Ball Co. (Ltd.), 144, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4. Abbey's Balls are sold by all leading dealers.

EXPLOSION OF A TRACTION ENGINE.
A traction engine owned by Mr. Herbert Loveday, of Old Buckenham, was on the road on Sunday at Winfaringham, near Norfolk. Loveday, the driver, was thrown 35 yards, his leg was broken and he sustained other injuries. Jno. Lancaster, of Old Buckenham, was instantly killed, being crushed by the engine falling upon him. Mr. Barker was struck down, but not seriously injured.

TRADE & FLEET

The French word for Christmas is Noel. It means the Day of Birth.
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Out of every 100 pounds of paper manufactured in the world, only six pounds is made into books.

Platina is the only metal that is heavier than gold. Gold is more than 30 per cent. heavier than silver.

The biggest cods of English fishermen are drowned every year—namely, nine in a thousand of those engaged.

The world's record sugar-plantation contains 13,000 acres, has 30 miles of railway, and employs 1,500 people.

The biggest hedges in England are at Hall Barn, Buckinghamshire. They are 100 feet high and are 30 ft. high.

As National flag and the Danish one is the oldest in the world. It has been in use since 1219.

The costliest fur is that of the seal-skin. A single skin of this animal will fetch as much as £200.

Complete darkness on the other day at St. Basil's and the church bells were rung in honour of the event.

The War Office has ordered 26 instruments for the painless and noiseless killing of incapacitated horses.

In Norway the average length of life is greater than in any other country on the globe.

The travelling expenses of Italian M.P.'s are paid by Government.

These average £200 a head last year.

The average man if told he could have as much gold as he could carry mile, would find his fortune not over £5,000.

The best ironstone in the world is found in Canada. It yields 60 per cent. iron; average English ironstone contains 41 per cent. of iron.

In the House of Representatives at Washington the time limit for speeches is very short, and is strictly carried out; it is only five minutes.

A wine-cask which holds 500 gallons, and is the largest ever built, may be seen at Malibu, Cal. The steel hoops around it weigh 40,000 lb.

For the right of reproducing Sir J. Millais' "Portia" in a Christmas number a leading London illustrated weekly gave £5,000.

In the Scandinavian island of Dago the people have a curious custom of patting fish scales on each branch of the Christmas tree.

It costs at least £200 to get out a single set of even cheap Christmas-cards. One firm in London produces nearly 1,000 such sets annually.

The German Emperor's Christmas presents to his sons in 1897 were three very beautiful words, each with a motto engraved upon its blade.

The Emperor refused to allow the Boer lecturers to deliver an address on the war in the hall of the Municipal Theatre.

The King of Denmark, who is in the best of health and walks and rides daily, intends to come to London in June next for the coronation.

At the room of all successful commercial enterprises to-day said the Lord Chief Justice at Wimbledon, must be a good scientific knowledge.

The English railways cost on an average £50,000 per mile; the German, £20,000; and the American £11,000.

Two of the largest Rhine iron-works are negotiating with a Spanish Government for the supply of 70,000 tons of rails.

The largest lightning-conductor in the world is on the Lugspeit Weather Station, in Bavaria. It runs down the mountain side for three and a half miles to a lake.

Brazil has now the most mixed population in any country on earth. It includes 14 million Italians, 8,000,000 Portuguese, 300,000 Germans, and 100,000 Spaniards.

The Church of the Nativity at Bethlehem is divided by screens into three parts, which are controlled respectively by Greeks, Latins, and Armenians.

Georgia, in the American States of Georgia, it is the Christmas custom to let free all prisoners whose only offence has been against the city ordinances.

In Germany it is believed that the oxen are endowed with speech on Christmas Eve at midnight. But to hear them it is necessary to put ferns over a Christmas-card.

A Christmas-card is preserved in Scotland Yard among the relics of undiscovered murders. It was found on the body of Harriett Boswell, discovered dead on Christmas Day, 1872.

There are three Christmas Islands all of them British possessions. One is in the Pacific; the other 250 miles from the Cape of Good Hope. Christmas Island is off Cape Breton.

The first annual dinner of the Guild of Women Binders was held at the Criterion Restaurant this week, with Mrs. Karlake in the chair.

The longest measured drift of bottles was in the Pacific, from eleven south of the Equator to the Islands, a distance of 6,700 miles, in 455 days.

The Bedouin Arabs are small eaters. Six or seven dates soaked in melted butter serve a man a whole day, with a very small quantity of coarse food or a little ball of rice.

A man from Austria, now 7 years old, has been on the throne 5 years, and so holds the record for length of reign. King Christian of Denmark is 82, but he has only been on the throne 37 years.

One of the most curious of American industries is the rearing of goldfish as food for the Chinese. The farm covers 145 acres, with six large ponds, each containing between 40,000 and 50,000 fish.

Never buy a yellow-feathered turkey. It is a sign of poor feeding. A fine turkey should have firm, white flesh. Purchasers should also notice the arched and coarsened about the legs as the sign of old and bird.

Sleepy grass is found in New Mexico, Texas, and Siberia. It has most injurious effect on horses and sheep, being a strong narcotic sedative, and causing profound sleep or stupor lasting from 24 to 48 hours.

A movement has been set on foot to start loan banks for workmen and others in Roumania. These banks have been eminently successful in Galicia and elsewhere. They help people without pauperising them. They help the workmen to buy tools and the villager and the resident in villages to procure cows.

At least £19,000,000 a year is raised for, and spent in, religious work in England and Wales. This averages about 12 pence for each man in the country. In Scotland and Ireland the other £8,000,000 is raised, making the total religious revenue of the United Kingdom £25,000,000 sterling per annum. This is equal to nearly one-fifth of the total revenue raised on

Two murderers are to be hanged at Derby on Friday.

The ordinary average life of a locomotive averages 15 years.

A seal has been known to remain 25 years in its lair.

South Shields has a large colliery, the St. Hilda, within her town limits.

India takes 291b. out of every 100lb. of cotton goods which we export.

The first lifeboat was built at South Shields, and used on Jan. 30, 1790.

The King has intimated his consent to become patron of the Church Ladies' Bazaar.

Queen Alexandra has subscribed £100 to the Cape Town Cathedral Memorial Fund.

The source of the Severn, 1,800ft. above the sea, is a spring of iron water.

1,000 tons of alum are made yearly from shale raised in the North of England.

Warwickshire at present holds the marriage record with 19 marriages per 1,000 persons.

The best red sealing-wax is composed of shellac, sand, turpentine, vermilion, and a little tippum.

The biggest average farm in the world is in South Australia, where the average squatter holds 78,000 acres.

London fire brigades last year experienced over 800 false alarms, of which 250 were maliciously given.

The New York elevated railway cost about 10 p. per yard, against £200 per yard for the London Metropolitan.

Haddock are worth, on an average, £12 7s. 6d. per ton, while herring only fetch 4s 19s. 2d. for the same amount.

A violent snowstorm has visited Rome; the Tiber has overflowed its banks, and several bridges have been swept away.

The two solicitors who were entrusted with the winding-up of the estate of the late Baron Hirsch have been paid £330,000 apiece for their services.

At a Papal Consistory this week the Pope delivered an impassioned address against divorce, urging Italians not to allow themselves to be misled.

The best Cashmere shawls weigh 7lb., and cost £300. The hair of the Cashmere goat is worth £2 10s. per pound.

Lake Nicaragua, through which the new canal will pass, is the only freshwater lake which holds a species of shark.

There are at present about 5,000 ponies in the Shetlands. A true Shetland pony should be between nine and ten hands high.

Of Scotland's 30,902 square miles, 63,800 square miles are water, and 483 beach and foreshore, useless for agricultural purposes.

It was calculated that Norway and Sweden have between them 322,000 head of reindeer. Finland has less than 45,000 in all.

It is estimated that the saving effected by the world's railways in the carriage of goods is 2,250 millions sterling per year.

British railways are the dearest in the world, the cost of carriage of coffee amounting to 8s. 6d. a hundred weight per 100 miles.

Three persons are always named for high sheriff of each county. The King then picks one. No sheriff can be compelled to serve a second time.

The islands of Japan is 155,000 square miles in extent—that is, 34,000 miles bigger than the United Kingdom. It contains over 4,000 islands.

"Free gangway" is usually a special Christmas privilege aboard ship in the Navy. It means that any or all can go ashore, as they please.

In nearly all old paintings of the Holy Child, the Madonna wears red and blue, being the bue of love and blue symbolical of heaven.

Some beautiful old Norman arches and blocks of tufa, said to have been of Saxon origin, have been discovered in the nave of St. Mary's Church, Chatham.

Military authorities of the Potemkin Garrison are prosecuting the newspaper which first published a false report of the Emperor of Germany's speech regarding duelling.

Seltzer-water takes its name from the village of Nieder Seltzer, in Prussia. A spring there discharges 5,600 cubic feet an hour of this mineral water.

December is the most deadly month of the year in London, with March good second; but January is the most unhealthy in France, and March in Germany.

Life is the best cultivated of Scotch counties, 75 per cent. being farm land. On the other hand, Sutherland has less than 2½ acres in each 1,000 under cultivation.

Of 12,235 criminals convicted in our recent year in England and Wales 34 were sentenced to death, 10 to penitentiary for life, and 91 to over years of hard labour.

At Sandringham there has always been a distribution of Christmas presents in the Riding School. Joint of beef and other useful things are given.

The first Christmas-tree in a British Royal palace was in the reign of George IV. Lord J. Russell was present, and the nocks of the tree being covered with gold and red candles.

The Ortona route to Australia is Christmas the record mail ever despatched to the Island Continent. 1,335 bags were aboard, besides 4 parcel-post boxes.

A pair of young giraffes which shortly will be rec'd at the Zoological Gardens, Thebes, were presented by Col. Mahon, the gallant officer who relieved Mafeking, now Governor of Klondofan.

An ordinary piece of English silver plate has on it four different marks: First, the initials of its maker; second, the mark of the company; third, the Sovereign's mark—the lion; fourth, the letter denoting the date.

The majority of those who took part in the six days' cycle race in New York gained in weight from two to four pounds. A net profit of £10,000 is reported. The riders take less than £200 each.

In order to assure more practice officers with small arms, districts from Dover headquarters at that the ball ammunition issued covers for the ensuing year will increase from 30 to 108 rounds.

The three keepers of the Cape Greys Lighthouse have been fined £2 for allowing spreading nets to catch the birds attracted by the reflectors of the lantern. No fewer than 5,000 birds were captured between Oct. 12 and 14, the majority being larks and thrushes.

A 100lb. wedding cake was presented more than a year ago to the 2nd V. B. The cake was presented by the first member who married after his return from South Africa. Last week Sergt. W. Martin, who was married at Peckham, claimed a

"Hints on etiquette will be found in
"The People" Almanack for 1891,
particulars of which appear on page 8.
An Irishman has been found to
desecrate snowdrift on the Derby
shire moors.

On Christmas Day, 1879, Sir W.
Lockhart avenged the death of Cavour
by entering Cabul.

Christmas was first celebrated as a
feast of the Christian Church about
the year 1100.

Reading Day was almost the
warmest on record. The temperature
in London was 81 degree.

Mr. H. Raphael has presented a
public park to Remora as an absolute
gift, including a lake, and covering six
acres of ground.

The French have adopted the black
head system in Madagascar, and
are already able to report good
results.

The London School Board propose
to appoint two ecclsiats for the purpose
of testing the eyesight of children in
the senior department of the schools.

The new clock at Grimsby is to be
commenced immediately. The board
of directors includes representatives of
the Corporation and of the Great Central
Rly. Co.

It was stated at West Ham this week
that the London goals were so full
that metropolitan prisoners were sent
"all over the country" for incarceration.

The Governor of Finland has ordered
the prosecution of the Lutheran
pastors who refused to read the new
Russian army regulations in their
churches.

The first bars of gold from the Ery
thraean mines have arrived in Rome.
The mines are being worked by an
Anglo-Italian company, and good re-
sults are anticipated.

The Portuguese Colonial Congress at
Lisbon recommended that the English
administration of its colonies should
be followed, but no definite resolution
was adopted.

M. Buot, Russian Vice-consul at
Cherbourg, has died from Conjaia
which arose from an accidental prick
to his finger from the wire of a champagne
bottle he was opening.

Already the Home Secretary has re-
ceived hundreds of applications for the
gruesome post of executioner, vacant
by the death of Billington, from per-
sons in almost every station in life.

A man named Fayolle is being tried
at Bordeaux for the third time on
charge of poisoning his wife, whose life
he had insured for £24,000. Arsenic
is said to have been the poison used.

At Christie's, an engraving of Lord
Hamilton and Beuchamps, after Sir
Joshua Reynolds, by J. R. Smith, a
very fine proof with the title in op-
etched letters, fetched 205gs.

Are you interested in palimistry?
Some interesting notes will be found
in "The People" Almanack for 1891,
pages 13, 14d.

Two Berlin workmen, engaged in
treating the carcasses of tubercu-
lous cattle from the municipal slaugh-
ter-house to the refuse destructor,
have become infected with lupus of
the hands.

The cause of the unexpected removal
of the Russian Court from Tarskoo
Zelo to Gatchna was an epidemic
typhoid, and was not connected with
the alleged poisoning of the water.

Prince Charles of Denmark, who
first lieutenant in the Dannebrog
has resigned from active service with
the rank of captain. It is reported
Copenhagen that he is to join the Eng-
lish Navy.

That we are falling behind as an in-
dustrial nation, and that better train-
ing for masters and men is needed, a
cogent notice to be by the Leicester
Chamber of Commerce as the result
of the reports on the Paris Exhibition.

The Viceroy of India telegraphs to
Capt. S. D. B. Ketchen, 1st Batn. 5th
Gurkhas, with the Kurran Militia
was shot dead by his khari, it is be-
lieved accidentally, on Dec. 9, on the
hill to the north of Parnachar.

It is the Russian Christmas practice in
the Navy is the carrying round of
officers. Popular officers, who
shouldered and carried round the
decks on Christmas morning, pre-
ceded by a band.

The master of the workhouse at
Slough reported to the Eten guardians
this week that institution has been
broken up by thieves, who forced
open the desk and an alms box and stole
the contents.

Geo. Gill, 61, miners' overman, died
in Skelton Mines Hospital, Cleveland
from injuries suffered whilst working
in Measrs. Holcock, Vaughan, and
Co.'s ironstone mines at N. Skelton.
He was knocked down and run over
by a coal truck.

The Portsmouth torpedo-boat de-
stroyers are having their bows
strengthened. Additional plating
being placed over the engine-room
while beams are put under the deck.
All destroyers are to be dealt with
in a similar manner.

By the Dover and Calais route the
average number of 15,000 passengers
and 4000 tons of goods are landed
of 14,000 during the first nine months
of the current year, while the Folke-
stone and Boulogne route shows a
falling off of 25,000.

Dealers in rare coins and stamps
and other similar curios always
find their heaviest trade of the year just
before Christmas. This is because
many of the most picturesque and
valuable coins are sold by needy peo-
ple for festive money for Christmas
celebrations.

Mr. Long, American Secretary of the
Navy, has assented to an applica-
tion made by counsel on behalf of Re-
Admiral Selby that the Navy Depart-
ment shall take no action respecting
the findings of the Court of Inquiry
into his client's file objections
to them.

The insignia of royalty used at the
Coronation of the Sovereign will, in
next year, have special interest, owing
to the crowning of King Edward VII.
Some interesting details will be found
in "The People" Almanack for 1891,
page 8.

A duel with swords took place this
week in the Bois de Boulogne between
M. Diraon, the naval officer who
was shot the murdered officer, and
"Maritimes," and another officer, who
considered that his wife and daughter-
in-law had been libelled in the bo-
M. Diraon was wounded in the arm.

Unauthorised statements having
been made that the Walsingham Ho-
tel and Restaurant have been sold
to the Marquis de Walsingham, we are
satisfied by Lord Walsingham's state-
ment that he has not sold any part of
property, and that he has no intention
whatever of pulling down the pre-
sented building.

**COLDSTREAM GUARDSMAN AND
HIS WIFE DIE TOGETHER.**

Some children playing on the beach. In the foreground, a young girl in a white dress and hat is looking towards the camera. In the background, other children are playing near the water's edge. The beach is sandy and the water is calm.

NEXT GENERAL ELECTION.
SAFFRON WALDEN.—Mr. L. Walker
 (U.), who was selected to succeed Mr.

U. W. Gray (U.), has declined to stand on the advice of his medical attendant.

PETTYCOTE.—Sir A. Mackenzie and Mr. T. W. Dobson (R.) have been adopted.

LANCA. (Newton).—Mr. Sam Wood miners' representative, to be recommended to oppose Col. E. Pilkington M.P.

THE DOMESTIC DISASTER.
PATHETIC MESSAGE OF ENTOMBED MINERS.

A diary has been found in the Domestic mine with entries in it, made by the entombed miners, who both have been recovered. The diary belonged to Rattray, the overman. The papers are sprinkled with blood, and much writing is not decipherable owing to pages being written across. The last moments of the entombed men were evidently softened by thoughts of their

LOVED ONES AT HOME.

McDonald wrote, "Am thinking of you Donald, God bless him." This was a three-year-old son. Paterson wrote "Andrew leaves love to Annie and the bairns." Other entries are disjointed and include the following:—"James, love after the children." "We have hope of getting out, prepared to die." "The moss is creeping on us, we can not see or hear, all dark. Falling now."

DEATH OF ANOTHER BALACLAVA HERO.

The death took place at Norwich Wednesday of Mr. Robert Briggs, a well known member of the volunteer survivor of Balacava, and a participant in the famous charge of the Light Brigade, of which he was the only representative in the city. He enlisted on June 19, 1850, in the 11th Hussars and received both the Crimean and Turkish medals with four bars. The funeral will be carried out by the Norwich Veterans' Association, whose annual dinner Briggs had for several years been a prominent figure.

DEATH SENTENCE COMMUTE.

The Home Secretary has granted reprieve in the case of Joseph Henry Harrison, 19, labourer, who was sentenced to death at the recent Derbyshire Assizes for the murder of Thomas Campion, of Borrowdale. A petition had been presented to the Home Office in which the prisoner's youth and the fact that he was under the influence of drink at the time were pleaded as affording grounds for the exercise of the Royal prerogative.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE ALTERATIONS.

The alterations at Buckingham Palace are being pushed forward with great expedition in order that the King and Queen may take up their residence as early in the New Year as possible. Every effort is being made to have the Palace ready by February. In any case their Majesties will be taken possession some time before the coronation. The Prince and Princess of Wales will remove to the Marlborough House on its vacation by the King and Queen.

"RACING CALENDAR" APPEAL CASE.

In the Court of Appeal, the Master of the Rolls and Lords Justices Stirling and Mathew gave judgment in the appeal of defendants in a libel action against the "Racing Calendar" for libel against the verdict of the jury giving plaintiffs £50 damages against the "Anson" and £100 against Messrs. Weatherby. The libel complained of was a statement published in the "Racing Calendar" to the effect that plaintiff, Mr. Horne had asked a Mr. Anson to go to the Edinburgh Race Meeting, September, 1900, and had been ordered by the stewards of the meeting. Their lordships held that there was no privilege, and dismissed the appeal. A stay of execution was granted, with a view to an appeal to the House of Lords.

"VICTIM OF A LAX SYSTEM"

At Brentford, Hy. Groves was sent to prison for six months for receiving Government stores from Hounslow Barracks, knowing them to be stolen. In consequence of an anonymous letter, the Adjutant, Capt. W. G. communicated with the police, who were caught carrying off blankets. One of the barracks, and at house 20 military blankets were afterwards found.—The evidence of officials from the barracks showed that thefts had been committed for a long time, and that in one quarter blankets had been stolen from the Hussar department alone.—The finding was that the Groves had been a victim of a lax system, by which soldiers could acquire stores and get them away.

SERVANT'S ATTEMPT AT BLACKMAIL.

At the Old Bailey Mary Grien, servant, pleaded guilty to sending a letter to Mr. Charles Ansell, solicitor, demanding the sum of £100, with menaces.—Grien had been in service of a lady, and she and the servant had notice to leave. A reference to the letter sent to Mr. Ansell requested to be forwarded to initials of an advertisement.—Prosecutor handed the letter at once to the judge, who told the police that the end of the letter, and price was eventually apprehended.—Recorder said if prisoner had been engaged previously in blackmail he should have sent her to penitentiary. Offence of this kind was very serious.—18 months' hard labour.

INTIMIDATION IN IRELAND AN M.P. SENTENCED.

In the Court House, Castlebar, Wednesday, Messrs. Starks and E. resident magistrates, concluded a hearing of the charges of intimidation and illegal assembly, brought by Crown against Mr. Conor O'Kelly M.P., chairman of the Mayo County Council; Michael Horan, Rural Sanitation Council, Castlebar; Michael Staunton, chairman of the Castlebar Board of Guardians, and two other persons. The Bench convicted all defendants. Mr. O'Kelly was sentenced to two months' imprisonment, Horan and Staunton to one month each, and the two others to 14 days. The sentence in each case was without a fine. An application to make the defendants first-class misdemeanors was refused, as was also one for execution of a writ to ascertain the value of the property.

A EUROPEAN WRITER:

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